

MEETING MINUTES
WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE REVOLVING FUND ADVISORY BOARD
ADEQ, 1110 West Washington, Phoenix Arizona, Room 250
February 24, 2006

Board Members in attendance:

Kelly Barr	Karen Gaylord
Tamara Huddleston	Richard Bark
Don Richey	Frank Corkhill (Dave Christiana)
Karen O'Regan	Rick Lavis
Bridget Bero	Steve Besich
Jim Viereg	Nicholas Wallwork
Glinda Oakes	Karen Masbruch (Jeff Drumm)

Board Members Absent:

Lee Stein	Jennifer Boucek
Manuel Ramirez	Hsin -I Lin

The meeting was called to order at 9:05

I. Welcome/Opening Comments/Administrative Issues-

- A. Meeting Schedule** – Chairman Lavis reminded Board members there is no meeting in March. The next meeting will be in April, then June 30th for the year end review, September and October.
- B. Board Appointments** – Chairman Lavis stated that eight Board members are up for re-appointment. For those that have been reappointed he reminded them to return the confirmation paperwork.
- C. 2007 WQARF Budget** – Chairman Lavis referenced his memo of February 16, 2006. The governor, senate and house all agreed to the proposed budget of \$15 million with some conditions that will be discussed later in the meeting.

II. Approval of January 27, 2006 minutes – Ms. Barr made a motion to adopt the January 27, 2006 minutes as drafted and Mr. Viereg seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the minutes as drafted. Chairman Lavis also requested substitute board members introduce themselves as listed in these minutes.

III. Appointment of Nominating Committee – Chairman. Lavis appointed Ms. Barr, Mr. Bark and Ms. Gaylord to nominate a new vice chairman and chairman. Chairman Lavis will serve until June 30, 2006.

IV. Special Report -

- A. Arizona Chamber of Commerce; presentation**
 - 1. Recommendation for WQARF Program** – Mr. David Kimball was asked to attend the meeting and explain the recommendation

for the WQARF program. This item was postponed because Mr. David Kimball was not present.

- B. Well Spacing Rule; Report of Special Committee** – Ms. Barr spoke with Ms. Karen Smith of ADWR regarding a clear explanation of the exemption for WQARF on the well spacing rule. A copy was requested of the rule and her interpretation. The response was passed on to Chairman Lavis, who read the information to the Board. Ms. Barr still feels there are issues to discuss and clarify.

Discussion was held on the remedy selection rule interpretations and the roles of ADWR and ADEQ on well placement and responsibility.

Chairman Lavis stated the Deputy Director has no issues with the rules and the department is not going to take a position. For the March 3 GERK hearing Chairman Lavis inquired about the Board's position in the rule.

Mr. Vieregg asked to move forward with the rule and the board agreed to accept the department decision to move forward with the rule.

V. Departmental Reports

- A. DEQ** – Mr. Richey summarized the action items from the previous meeting. Mr. Richey announced some personnel changes that affect the WQARF program. Mr. Richey presented an overview of the ADEQ report and indicated that there is an invitation from Metro Water District to hold a Board meeting at their facility in Tucson. The meeting could coincide with the open house/ceremony planned for Shannon Road/El Camino del Cerro early response action. A discussion was held over hiring and personnel challenges for the program.

- B. DWR** – Mr. Christiana presented a overview of the ADWR report

VI. Committee Reports

A. Budget & Finance Committee –

- 1. Monthly Financial Reports-** Mr. Wallwork stated the reports were enclosed in Board members packets. Expenditures were down but will increase as more bills arrive as the year comes to an end.
- 2. 2007 Budget Proposal** – \$15 million was requested and supported, information will be received and reviewed in committee.
- 3. New 10 year Long Plan** – Mr. Richey reported that the plans are in draft form and are not through committee. The 10 year plans will be presented at the next Board meeting.

B. Legislative Committee –

- 1. Discussion with Senator Burns** – Chairman Lavis thanked those who worked on the proposal for Senator Burns. A thorough review was requested before presentation. Chairman Lavis requested the

information be presented by April. Mr. Richey presented the draft FY2007 WQARF spending plan summary.

Mr. Bark discussed the proposed \$15 million in the budget, with an aspect of possible external audit. The Board discussed the views on audit and the Board agreed that part of their role is to do such duty. The Board discussed hiring an outside contractor to complete the audit and it was indicated that this would be an added expense that WQARF would incur. Mr. Bark asked ADEQ to send over the budget by August 1 on how the \$15 million will be spent and finish the chart so it can be presented at the JLBC by October 2nd. Mr. Vieregg questioned the criteria to determine no further action on a site. Mr. Richey talked about the standards used. Mr. Vieregg requested more clarification be presented on what characterizes a site for no further action. Mr. Vieregg also reminded the Board to respond to Senator Burns.

C. Funding Priorities Committee

1. **Revision of E & E Model** – Ms. Gaylord reported that a revised model will be mailed out in the coming weeks. The model is a work in progress and will be more sensitive to the site, more user friendly and asked for assistance from the board on the review. Chairman Lavis thanked Ms. Gaylord for her efforts on this project.

VII. Other Business – None.

VIII. Public Comment – A question was asked which risk assessment model was used for 20th/Factor Site. Mr. Richey responded that the EPA model was used and GeoTrans was the contractor.

VIII. Adjournment- Ms. O'Reagan moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Wallwork.